

Sunday Reading.

FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA WHIG.

A Dream.

The night was passing off, in a sleepless dream. My imagination wandered on magnetic wings, over the fields of nature and fancy; at one time admiring things real and useful, at another delighted with the merest chimeras, while all were rendered doubly pleasing and beautiful, by the gilding of imagination. But there was one object, more deeply interesting than all the rest. I gazed upon it for a long time, with mingled emotions of joy and sorrow. It was in appearance like a hill, long and steep, overshadowed with wide-spreading trees; while the surface, was all grassy, and bespangled with myriads of flowers of every hue; and birds of the most beautiful plumage seemed to vie with each other in making notes of sweetest melody. On this side of the hill, I saw beings, like men and women, of every age and size, from childhood to stout manhood. The children were near the base, and the men near the top; all arranged in exact order, according to their ages. Each one seemed to be diligently pursuing after something. Though the objects of their pursuit were almost infinite. The children were delighted with toys of various kinds, and the men, too, strange to tell, (i.e., the greater part) were chasing baubles, with all their might; they were just before them, but never could be overtaken, or, if overtaken, they never satisfied the pursuer—he was off again, with all speed, after another. But as I came nearer to observe more closely this busy throng, I noticed, one here and another there, stumble and fall into an unseen hole in the hill, and never rise. I discovered also, that far the greater part of this immense multitude never reached the top. I was anxious to see what was the appearance of those baubles, so hotly pursued, and drew nearer, and saw some that looked like copper, some like gold, and some like earthy fame; these last were rattling and noisy; some had the appearance of wine; and those beings which followed after this class, and their name was Legion, were by far the most loathsome, and pitiable looking of all the rest. There were also other baubles in endless variety; but all were alike, in having the mysterious, but significant word "Disappointment" written on every one. This inscription was never seen by the pursuers, or if seen, never noticed. Having stood in amazement for a long time beholding this busy throng, admiring their activity and energy, but weeping over their misguided efforts, and vain attempts. I went to the top of the hill, to take a survey of the movements on the other side. Here the crowd was not so strong. And as I looked far down its long and steep declivity, the number of baubles rapidly decreased, till at its base, there was only here and there a traveler. I could see one after another in quick succession sink beneath the surface, and were seen no more. But what was passing strange, the farical chase after baubles, was kept up on this side, too, not by the young and guilty—then it need not exist—desire—but by beings like old gray-headed men and women, their faces wrinkled with years, their countenances care-worn, and emaciated. I stood for a long time, and wist over their folly—until all those that I first saw, had disappeared forever. I then turned away from the scene of disappointment and sorrow. And I heard a voice from the spirit land, saying "That hill which thou sawest, is the Hill of Life, and those beings were men, each possessed of an immortal soul, vainly seeking after happiness, in those empty baubles. And those that disappeared so suddenly, went to their graves, till the morning of the great resurrection, when they will awake, "some to shame and everlasting contempt." But that small number who traversed over the hill, with a meek and lowly heart, whose names before have never been mentioned, for they chose rather not to be made a public spectacle, in that great day, "they shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars forever and ever." And I awoke, and behold it was all a dream, of great realities.

"Caldwell."

PERMANENCY OF YOUTHFUL IMPRESSIONS.

Parents! Once more we greet you with words of truth and hope. The destiny of your precious children is very much in your own hands by the laws of Providence and promises of grace. Would you have it otherwise? Would you have the children of the family grow up, un-susceptible to the smiles of love, the counsels of wisdom, the influences of example, the virtue of discipline, the power of prayer? God has for wise purposes connected the life of children with the life of their parents; and one of the evidences of this connection is the permanency of youthful impressions and associations.

Youth, more than any other period of life, is distinguished for the permanency of its impressions. It is the season for keeping, as well as greeting; for remembering, as well as learning; for retaining, as well as acquiring. To bring truth in contact with an open, ingenuous, youthful mind, is like applying a seal to the newly melted wax, so you are sure of getting not only a correct but an abiding impression. The lines are drawn deeply on the tender heart, and no waves of subsequent business or care can entirely obliterate them. Years may pass away, and the head blossom for the grave, and the eye grow dim, and the hand trembling; but the scenes of early life recur with the freshness of yesterday.

How delightful will it be to trace in青年 youthful impressions! The memories of home will form precious associations amidst the raptures of immortality. Many a parent will trace his own spiritual blessings, under God, to the father and mother of his youth, and he will be able to see the relation of his own parents to that of his children and children's children. How much the permanency of youthful impressions will have to do, through divine grace, with the permanent joys of the heavenly state!

Parents! In beginning another year remember how noble your instructions, prayers, and example, will necessarily influence the infancy, the youth, the age, the eternity, of your household. Remember the permanence of youthful impressions!—*Presbyterian Magazine.*

Christ Without and Within.—Look upon Christ, first without you, and then search for Christ within you. It is the will of God that saints should rejoice more in what Christ hath done for them, than what they have done for Christ. But oh! lay up and lay out for Christ!—*Dyer.*

Agricultural.

IMPROVED IMPLEMENTS.

Nothing is more conducive to agricultural improvement, than good implements. Mean, ill-contrived tools are great drawbacks to the planter. The greatest curse to our system of tillage in the South, has sprung from the use of plows which are so practically cobbled up on the plantations by negro carpenters and blacksmiths who do not understand the proper principles of draught, and consequently they are heavy to the team, and do not perform their work with efficiency. The thorough preparation of the soil being the first principle of good tillage, it is to us surprising that the defects in agricultural implements have not heretofore been remedied in the South, where plow culture is more extensive than any other section of the globe. We have long been desirous of procuring good implements adapting the peculiar systems of tillage prevailing amongst us, and have ordered again and again from manufacturers at the North, until we despaired of ever effecting our desired object. Last summer, through the kind attentions of Mr. R. L. Allen, of New York, we had constructed a wrought steel plow for a team of four horses, and fit it best turning plow we have ever used. It is finely adapted to subverting the soil, to any depth and width under twelve inches. We have tried all the sub-soil plows used both North and South. Ruggles, Nourse & Mason's sub-soil plow answers a tolerable purpose, but the draught is immensely heavy. Our friend Broyles plow is barely a respectable coulter, and with all that is said in its favor, has not the first mechanical principle to thoroughly effect the desired object of sub-soiling. Our great grandfather used similar implement.

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